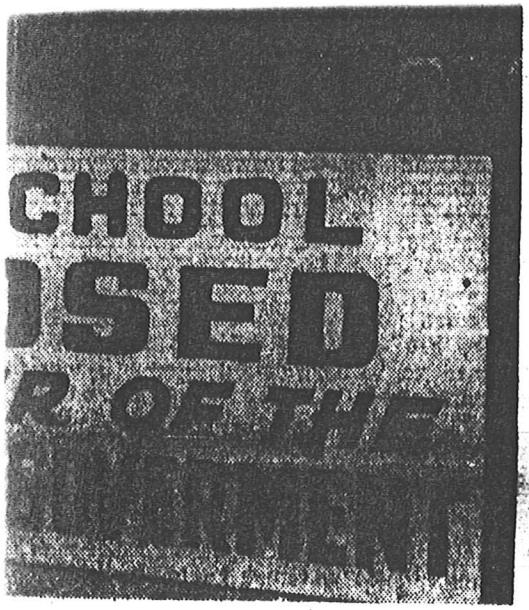

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Policy Shift?

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INGTON, Sept. 30 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles today heralded a possible major erica's China policy. He offered to try to alist Chinese military strength in the off-s if the Communists quit shooting.

told a news conference that Chiang Kai-shek was foolish to commit one third of his Nationalist armed forces to Quemoy and the other off-shore islands now being pounded by Red artillery. But Dulles conceded this Government acquiesced in the reinforcement of the islands.

If the Communists stop their aggression, there is, according to Dulles, "a possibility of some important changes in U. S. policy provided there is some give on the Chinese Communist side."

The Secretary dashed cold water on Chiang's oft-repeated determination to wrest the China mainland from the Communists. Dulles said Chiang's return "is a highly hypothetical matter."

"I don't think that just by their own steam they are going to get there," the Secretary said, adding under

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Police throughout the United States were alerted yesterday to the possibility Aaron W. Burgett has made good his escape from Alcatraz.

Twenty-four hours after the escape plot was carried out Alcatraz officials were stanchly maintaining the rangy, 28-year-old gunman was either dead or hiding on The Rock.

But the FBI was proceeding on the possibility Burgett may have whipped the chilly bay tides and reached the mainland.

It was known Burgett, dressed in blue-gray dungarees, embarked upon the arduous swim aided by a pair of improvised waterwings made from a plastic bag.

"We've got to proceed on the possibility that he has left the island," said Webb Burke, agent-in-charge.

Consequently, all-points bulletins were sent to the Nation's police departments carrying a description of Burgett, perhaps the first man to escape from Alcatraz.

STORY DENIED

Both the FBI and Alcatraz officials denied widely published reports that Burgett's partner in the escape, Clyde Johnson, had changed his story and said he last saw Burgett swimming away in the fog.

"That rascal hasn't told our men anything," Burke said.

Johnson was captured an hour after the escape attempt

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Russian Hill's Land Ruled Not Surplus

The Public Utilities Commission, in one neat blow yesterday, temporarily resolved the months-long furor over what to do with that valuable surplus land on Russian Hill.

The commission changed its mind and declared the land was no longer surplus.

This blow caught the Recreation and Park Department—not to mention the vociferous Russian Hill residents—smack between the eyes

New Route For Western Freeway

By Michael Harris

A $67 million Federally-and State-financed Western freeway with twin mile-long tunnels beneath Sunset Heights was proposed yesterday in a $45,000 study ordered by the Board of Supervisors.

The long tunnels, extending from St. Francis Circle to the Laguna Honda reservoir, would make it possible to follow the best traffic route with minimum property damage, the report said.

An earlier city proposal, which met with angry opposition two years ago in the Sunset District, called for tunnels only 3700 feet in length. Part of the freeway would have been built in an open cut in the West Portal District under that plan.

The earlier plan, proposed by the State Division of Highways, would have cost an estimated $61.2 million—approximately $5 million less than yesterday's proposal.

The cheapest of various alternatives included in yesterday's study would be either of two possible routes utilizing Sunset boulevard—only $41 million. But the study rejected these as impractical.

The six-lane freeway is designed to provide a fast route free of traffic lights from the

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San Mateo county line to Golden Gate Park.

At that point, it would split. One branch would tunnel under the park to Park-Presidio boulevard and the Golden Gate Bridge. The other would tunnel north of Kezar Stadium to connect with the projected Central freeway, leading to downtown San Francisco and the Bay Bridge.

The new report said the proposed route would connect with the projected Junipero Serra freeway at the San Mateo county line.

OPEN CUT

It would proceed north in an open cut along the route of Junipero Serra boulevard to St. Francis circle.

From there, the route would plunge underground into a tunnel, in the block bounded by 14th avenue, Wawona street, 15th avenue and Vicente street. The long tunnel would carry the traffic to an intersection with the proposed Crosstown freeway at the base of Mt. Sutro—emerging above ground just east of the intersection of Eighth avenue and Ortega street.

It would continue north between Sixth and Seventh avenues to Kirkham street, where it would fork.

CONDEMNATION

A total of 995 dwelling units and 56 commercial properties with a total value of $12,767,200 would be condemned along the route.

The plan proposed in 1956 called for razing 1131 dwelling units, and 69 pieces of commercial property with a total value of $15,680,200.

All of this land would be removed from the city's tax rolls, the report noted, and this would constitute the city's contribution to the freeway.

"It is important that the Western Freeway be located so that the costs of its development are offset by benefits to San Francisco," said the report, prepared by the traffic engineering firm of Wilbur Smith and Associates.

FEDERAL SHARE

The report said that the U. S. Government would pay 90 per cent of the construction cost of the freeway because it would be part of the national interstate highway system. The State would pay the remaining 10 per cent.

The new route would make it possible for commuters from Stonestown to reach City Hall in 10 minutes, the report said. It added the present travel time, under good driving conditions is 19 to 20 minutes by way of 19th avenue and Oak street.

The report now goes to the Board of Supervisors, which will use it as the basis for further study of the proposed freeway.

CAPACITY

Wilbur Smith & Associates, in the first part of their study, had reported they regarded a freeway through the area as essential. They said the new road could handle 75,000 to 90,000 vehicles a day.

The new route could also be expected to reduce the pressure on the Bayshore Highway, the report said.

Details of the freeway's design call for 12-foot-wide lanes, grades of no greater than 3.1 per cent and curves permitting safe speeds of 60 miles an hour except at interchanges.

Yesterday's report rejected suggestions that the freeway be built along 19th avenue, Sunset boulevard or the Great Highway.

The 19th avenue route "would cause far more right-of-way damage than any other of the alternates studied," the report said.

PARK DAMAGE

It added hat using Sunset boulevard would require razing all the homes on Lincoln way between Sunset boulevard and 11th avenue, or else causing extensive damage to the park.

An alternate method of using Sunset boulevard would involve building a one-way eastbound freeway along Lincoln way and a westbound freeway under Fulton street, with various connections through the park. The Smith report dismissed this as impractical.

The Smith report said property damage for approaches would be greater along the Great Highway than in its proposed route under Sunset Heights. The traffic load on the Great Highway would not warrant the freeway's construction there, it added.

Tioga View Point Fight Lost by Sierra Club

Special to The Chronicle

YOSEMITE, Sept. 30—The controversial view-point parking lot on Tioga Pass road will be built at the site originally recommended by National Park Service, Yosemite Superintendent John Preston reported today.

Conrad Wirth, National Park Service director, chose the location, at an 8500-foot location near Tenaya Lake, after overruling Sierra Club objections. The club favored a lower elevation so a picturesque rock formation would not be marred.

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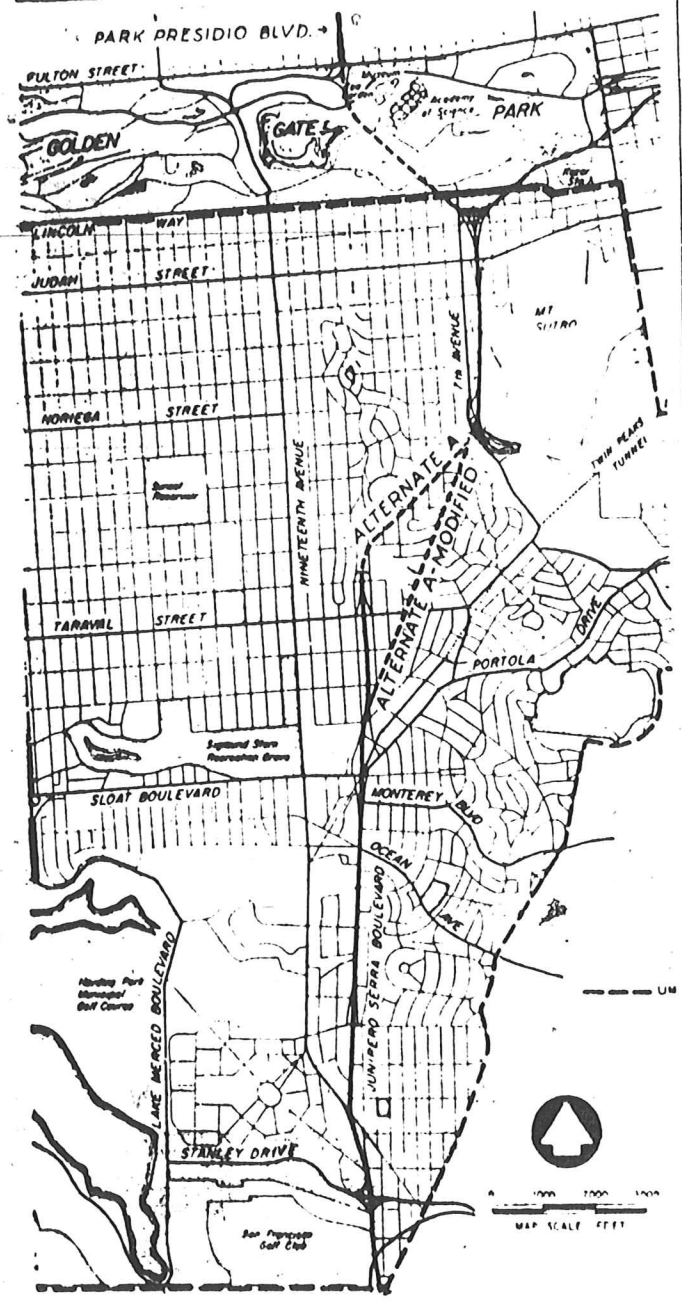

Here is how the new Western Freeway proposal (Alternate A-Modified) compares with the earlier route proposal (Alternate A). Broken lines indicate tunnels.

5 Big Fires Keep Crews In Timber

Five major forest or brush fires and the ominous forecast of continued dry weather with northeasterly winds kept nearly 1000 men on fire lines of the State Division of Forestry in Northern California yesterday.

Nearly a dozen other fires had been brought under control, including a 6000-acre brush fire 30 miles west of Modesto, "but we still have men watching all of them," the State Division of Forestry fire dispatcher's office in Sacramento reported.

The 1000 firefighters, were using 250 pieces of mobile equipment late last night to battle these blazes:

A grass and brush fire that had spread over 1500 acres, two miles east of McCann in Humboldt county, last reported only 50 per cent controlled.

A timber and brush fire covering 650 acres five miles south of Petrola, in Humboldt county, last reported 90 per cent controlled.

A 1500-acre fire in brush and slash timberland six miles southeast of Ferndale, Humboldt county, last reported 95 per cent controlled.

A 500-acre brush and timber fire one mile west of Bull Creek, Humboldt county, last reported 95 per cent controlled.

A 240-acre timber fire five miles east of Manchester, Mendocino county, last reported 75 per cent controlled.

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Blake's Master Plan

5-Cent Muni Urged—Also Mission Freeway

Supervisor William C. Blake, stubborn opponent of the contemplated freeway west of Twin Peaks, proposed yesterday two alternatives: A Mission district freeway and a nickel Muni fare to cut the use of automobiles.

He also suggested a new bridge from Fort Mason to Angel Island and Tiburon and a causeway running up the east side of Marin to the Richmond-San Rafael bridge.

Bridge and causeway, he said, would eliminate the need for the Western and Marina freeways.

A Mission freeway—virtually dropped from the city's plans because of its ruinous effects and enormous expense—would affect older, less valuable homes than would the disputed Western freeway, in Blake's opinion.

He will ask the Supervisors Monday to consider reviving the Mission route as an alternative to both the Western Freeway (which would run through the neighborhood of 19th avenue) and the Crosstown Freeway (which would link the outer mission with Laguna Honda canyon by way of O'Shaughnessy boulevard).

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Mail Toter Who Tired Is Fined $1

Ivo W. Gilbert, 34-year-old South San Francisco temporary mail carrier, pleaded guilty yesterday to three misdemeanor counts of dumping third-class mail into a trash can. He was fined $1.

Gilbert, arrested and fired July 10 for having "retarded" the delivery of 425 pieces of such mail in this manner, said at the time: "I felt it was too much mail to carry."

He told Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman yesterday: "It was an idiotic thing. I did it on the spur of the moment."

"You just got tired of packing it and threw it out?" asked the judge, who indicated the matter should have been disposed of administratively.

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Gilbert searched his pockets: "Five dollars."

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City Loan Opposed By Mayor

Borrowing money from the city employees' pension fund would be an expensive and somewhat underhanded way to finance municipal projects, Mayor George Christopher said yesterday.

In fact, he thought the idea had been suggested principally as a means of "circumventing the City Charter," and he, for one, "couldn't favor it."

Under present law, such a building as a new courthouse would have to be built through a bond issue after approval by two-thirds of the voters.

But a group of local Judges—disappointed by the failure of a courthouse bond proposal to get the required vote last year—have suggested that the Charter be amended to permit the city to borrow from the $180,000,000 kitty accumulated for employees' retirement pensions. Amendment of the Charter requires only a majority vote.

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A co-defendant, Patricia Kauth, a clerk at the terminal, was freed by Judge Raymond J. Arata for want of sufficient evidence.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated for two hours after a two-day trial.

Judge Arata set July 27 for sentencing. Blatteis, 45, of 2085 Hayes street, could be sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined $500 on each count.

Two San Quentin Fugitives Back From Arizona

Robbery detail Inspectors George Hoover and Al Birdsall brought two fugitives from Phoeniz, Ariz., yesterday, John (Midge) Ruano, 41, and Jack Oliver, 26, who walked away from a San Quentin road camp in Trinity county last month and pulled a series of Bay Area holdups.

Ruano and Oliver were captured early Sunday after a wild ...

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Blake made his nickel fare suggestion at a meeting last night of the board of directors of the Central Council of Civic Clubs.

Blake said he would bring the five-cent fare before the Supervisors. If it passes, he said, "I'll bet within a year they'll be making money."

Also addressing the Council of Civic Clubs meeting were J. P. Sinclair, district engineer of the State Highway Department and Val King, representing Sunset district opponents of the Western freeway.

FPC Okays Refund on Gas Rates

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Gluckmann Returns From Solo Air Tour

Peter Klaus Gluckmann, the flying watchmaker, returned last night from his second round-trip solo flight over the Atlantic ocean.

He landed his 240-horsepower Cessna 190 at San Francisco International Airport at 7 p. m. after a seven-week, 25,000-mile airborne tour of five continents.

Gluckmann left here June 2, hopped from New York to Greenland and on to Iceland and Britain.

He re-crossed the Atlantic from Africa to Brazil. He then flew home via the Caribbean and across the U. S.

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The extent of participation in target cities varied. Teeming New York city held a full-fledged air raid test, and the world's largest city was immobilized for nine minutes as traffic halted and streets emptied of pedestrians.

In the Bay Area, the broadcast consisted of a sermon-like plea to the public to take civil defense seriously.

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... of errant elephants who got out of hand in Washington, D. C., yesterday on their way from the railroad yard to the circus tent. The 12 pachyderms, big attractions in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, stampeded when younger members got fractious, and lumbered a quarter-mile up the railroad tracks before handlers got them under control. Riders on some of the bigger animals had a rough trip, and at least one was knocked to the ground, but no injuries were reported. The Big Show opened yesterday.

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The company proposed to maintain the present one-way round-trip fares as special coach fares between San Jose and San Francisco and intermediate stations.

Commute fares along the Peninsula route would not be affected by the application.

The other railroads joining in the rate request include Great Northern Railway Co., Northwestern Pacific Railroad Co., Atchison Topeka & Sante Fe Railway Co., Western Pacific Railroad Co., and Union Pacific Railroad Co.

Freeway's Path Argued By Officials

By Richard Reinhardt

State engineers took the lid off their slowly jelling plans yesterday for the Western Freeway route through residential San Francisco.

As most of the city officials who gathered to look at the maps had suspected, the highway designers still think the route city planners chose five years ago would provide the best road with the least public sacrifice.

But the city official most loudly opposed to the freeway—Supervisor William C. Blake—was as certain as ever that no superhighway is needed out west of Twin Peaks.

The Highway Division was making no recommendations yesterday.

B. W. Booker, the Assistant State Highway Engineer for this area, went to some pains to show sketches of alternate routes. He explained that there had to be long consultation with city departments before any final proposal is made to the State Highway Commission.

Yet he freely admitted his staff had found no route that would cause "less community disruption" than this:

From the San Mateo coun-
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GI Home Loan Extension OK'd

WASHINGTON, May 24 (AP) The Senate today voted a one-year extension of the veterans GI home loan program until July 25, 1958.

The one-year extension, sponsored by Senators Herbert Lehman (Dem-N. Y.), Lister Hill (Dem-Ala.) and John Sparkman (Dem-Ala.), was put into an omnibus housing bill by voice vote.

Amador County Vice

Three Accused Cops Arraigned in Jackson

By George Draper

JACKSON (Amador county), May 24—Constable Gildo Dondero, the 300-pound giant of Main street, briefly removed his gun and star today while being arraigned on charges of bribery and perjury.

Following the brief and informal ceremony before Justice John Begovich, the jolly constable put on his gun and badge and resumed his duties patrolling the main drag.

A few minutes later there was a knock on Justice Begovich's door and in walked Police Chief Guy Tofanelli.

He was informed that the Grand Jury had voted a civil accusation of "willful and corrupt misconduct" against him on the grounds he winked at Jackson's flourishing prostitution racket.

The smiling chief complained that he had interrupted a game of golf to make his appearance before the Judge, and as soon as the arraignment was over, he headed back to the links.

Finally the third man of the Jackson police force, Night Chief James Fregulia, arrived at the courthouse and was arraigned on charges of bribery and perjury.

Fregulia, a droll individual,
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Mayor Firm: No 20-Cent Muni Fare

The Muni's fare is not going to rise to 20 cents, Mayor George Christopher declared yesterday.

An increase in the present 15-cent fare would lose passengers for the Muni, hurt the city's merchants and intensify San Francisco's traffic and parking problems, the Mayor said.

Christopher said he was aware that the Municipal Railway management was not advocating the increase. But Manager Charles D. Miller said in a 41-page report issued Wednesday that a higher fare would be one way to cut the Muni's losses.

It would be more sensible, the Mayor said, to try to cut some of the Muni's operating costs by letting Miller "have a free hand in looking for economies in the operation of the railway."

Among Miller's suggestions were the addition of more trolley coaches and one-man streamliners.

The Mayor added dourly that though he favors the use of modern, efficient equipment he is aware that "improvements always have been sold on the basis of economies, but our debts and deficits keep growing."

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Controversial Plans

Officials Debate Route Of Western Freeway

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ty line, north along Junipero Serra boulevard to Sloat boulevard. (Some 28 pieces of improved private property—homes, stores, etc.—would be in the path.)

From Sloat north between 14th and 15th avenues to Santiago street. (221 improved properties.)

THROUGH TUNNEL

From Santiago street through a tunnel beneath Golden Gate Heights to 7th avenue in the vicinity of Laguna Honda Reservoir.

Across the reservoir by bridge and north along the east side of 7th avenue (and later, 6th avenue) to Irving street. (22 properties.)

Splitting, the highway would then send one leg northwestward by either an elevated structure or a tunnel to Park-Presidio boulevard, another leg eastward to the Park Panhandle at Cole or Clayton street.

(This eastward leg would go either slightly north of Kezar stadium through a tunnel, taking 366 properties; or avoid the Park by running between Parnassus and Carl streets and turning north to the Panhandle east of Cole, taking 708 properties.)

On its eastward course to Octavia street near Oak, the freeway would run either through the Panhandle or, avoiding the Panhandle, along Oak. Inside the Panhandle the route would take 219 properties. On Oak it would take 399.

Booker also described a route that would run about due north from Junipero Serra in the block between 18th and 19th avenues to Kirkham street; diagonally to 16th between Irving and Lincoln way; burrow north under the park and send an eastward leg over the above route.

This route, he said, would jeopardize more than twice as many properties.

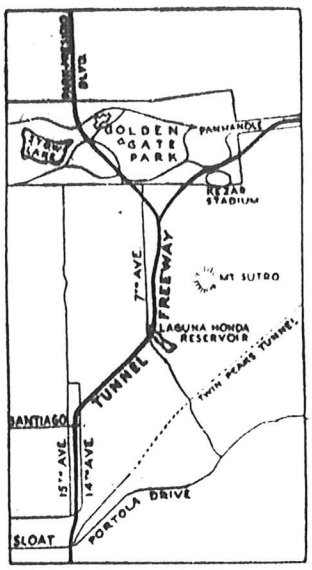
A possible alternate along Sunset boulevard, suggested by West Portal and Parkside district residents opposed to the other routes, had not been given detailed study by the highway engineers, who feel it would not serve the purpose of the Western Freeway.

Supervisor Blake and another freeway opponent, Supervisor James Leo Halley, did not appear enthusiastic, and Blake stated his case.

BLAKE'S ARGUMENTS

He did not believe the freeway is (or will be) needed. He doubted the validity of traffic predictions made for the city at a cost of $250,000 by the nationally known engineering firm of DeLeuw, Cather & Co. He suggested the western route be scrapped for one that more directly connects downtown San Francisco and the Peninsula.

On June 11, Blake's proposal that the city officially reject the western route—delayed two weeks ago to let the State give information on its plans — will be before the Board of Supervisors again.



State's Plan

This map shows the proposed Western freeway route favored by State Division of Highways engineers over a number of alternatives they have studied. The city Recreation and Park Commission, however, has urged that the section near Kezar Stadium swing around it to the south so as to stay outside of the park, and highway personnel consider that part of the route unsettled.

Geary Blvd. Parking To Be Studied

Parking Authority members granted the request of Geary boulevard merchants yesterday and began a study of parking facilities in the 28 block shopping district.

In a letter, President William J. Reed of the Greater Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners' Association cited the district's "dire need" of parking space. Three of his representatives appeared before the Authority to ask the study.

George Antipa, manager of the 20th avenue and Geary branch of the Crocker-Anglo Bank; Leonardo S. Bacci, an attorney, and Hyman Karp, a merchant, said parking congestion is building up along Geary boulevard. Particularly bad, they said, are the blocks between 16th and 23rd avenues.

They said their group already is studying the possibility of constructing a garage on Geary, between 21st and 22nd avenues.

Authority Chairman Harold Berliner instructed Secretary Thomas J. O'Toole to ask police help in conducting the parking survey.

In other business, Deputy City Attorney Jerome Cohen said legal agreements for the Fifth and Mission garage should be ready, within two weeks for submission to the city and to Shoppers Downtown Corp., non-profit merchants' group which proposes to build the 1023-car structure.

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